

Minutes of the Regular Village Board Meeting Held March 8, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Morris met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on March 8, 2022.

The Village President Labash called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Rojas, Kolling, Pennington, Hopkins, Higley, Stauffer. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President Labash declared said motion carried.

Attorney Lesage was present. Press absent. Treasurer Jordan Sasscer present. Village Engineer Corey Buck absent.

VISITORS: Sylvia Saunders, Dave and Mary Jane Warkins, Denise Cheek, Ginger Mark, Melinda Cox, Jeff Bold, Chad Stauffer, and Chris Corcoran,

MINUTES: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve the February 28, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Hopkins moved, and Trustee Kolling seconded the motion to approve the February 28, 2022, minutes as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

CURRENT BILLS: Trustee Pennington moved, and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion to accept the current bills as presented with the addition of \$30.00 to Mobile Team Unit for training and \$500.00 to American Legal for website hosting of ordinances. Upon roll being called, all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PETITION & COMMUNICATION: Mary Jane Warkins came before the Board to ask if the Board was discussing or had any thoughts about the replacement or restoration of the Village signs on the edge of town. Jerry Stauffer said that he would be looking into it.

ADMINISTRATION: Melinda Cox came before the Board to give them an update on the feral cat program. She reported that a total of 28 cats had been trapped spade or neutered and returned to the colonies. President Labash said that monies were being budgeted to continue to the program.

STREET DEPT: No Report.

WATER/SEWER: No Report.

FINANCE: Trustee Rojas reported that the first draft of the Village will be presented at the next Board meeting. Trustee Rojas moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to Ordinance 02-01-22 Amending Title 3, Chapter, Section 3-3-8 of the Mt. Morris Village Code (Fees for Video Game Terminals) from \$25.00 to \$250.00 per State Law. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION: No Report.

POLICE DEPT: Trustee Kolling moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to hire Nicholas Izer as a part-time officer starting immediately at \$20.00 per hour per Chief White recommendation.

ORDINANCE: Trustee Stauffer moved, and Trustee Rojas seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 02-02-22 to establish an 180 day Moratorium Relating to Development of Solar Energy Suitsystems and

Referring to the Village's Plan Commission Consideration and Amendments to the Mt. Morris Zoning Code Relating to Solar Energy Systems. Upon roll being called all Trustees voted "Nay." President declared said motion failed. After some discussion Attorney Lesage was asked to rewrite the moratorium with some additions and deletions for the next Village Board meeting.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

CIVIL DEFENSE: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: No Report.

There being no further business to come before this Board. Trustee Stauffer moved and Trustee Pennington seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Upon roll being called all Trustees present voted "Aye." President declared said motion carried.

The next regular Village Board Meeting will be held on March 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room.

Paula Diehl, Village Clerk

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